

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended so as to delete the previously recited specific use, since the disclosure of the specification describes a variety of uses. For example, the fungicidal compositions of the present invention may be used for controlling pathogens, other than rice pathogens, such as pathogens found in cereals, vegetables, fruit and grapevines as noted at page 3, lines 16-19 of the present specification.

It is requested that the changes to the claims be entered of record.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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